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Notice of Intended Regulatory Action Agency Background Document

Agency Name:	Department of State Police
VAC Chapter Number:	19 VAC 30 160
Regulation Title:	Regulations Relating to Standards and Specifications For Safety Lights for Farm Tractors in Excess of 108 Inches in Width
Action Title:	Updating the existing regulation to make it more consistent with the Society of Automotive Engineers standards and specifications
Date:	05/16/00

This information is required prior to the submission to the Registrar of Regulations of a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) pursuant to the Administrative Process Act § 9-6.14:7.1 (B). Please refer to Executive Order Twenty-Five (98) and Executive Order Fifty-Eight (99) for more information.

Purpose

Please describe the subject matter and intent of the planned regulation. This description should include a brief explanation of the need for and the goals of the new or amended regulation.

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Revise standards and specifications for safety lights for farm tractors in excess of 108 inches in width by making them more consistent with the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) standards. Minor technical and administrative changes are involved.

Basis

Please identify the state and/or federal source of legal authority to promulgate the contemplated regulation. The discussion of this authority should include a description of its scope and the extent to which the authority is mandatory or discretionary. The correlation between the proposed regulatory

action and the legal authority identified above should be explained. Full citations of legal authority and, if available, web site addresses for locating the text of the cited authority must be provided.

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Virginia regulation 19 VAC 30-160 was adopted to establish standards and specifications for safety lights for farm tractors in excess of 108 inches in width. The proposed changes to this regulation are intended to:

1. Provide the proper referenced sections of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Standards J575 and J974.

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- 2. Correct spelling or other non-substantive errors.
- 3. Clarify the existing regulation.
- 4. Make the existing regulation consistent with the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Standards J575 and J974.

Substance

Please detail any changes that would be implemented: this discussion should include a summary of the proposed regulatory action where a new regulation is being promulgated; where existing provisions of a regulation are being amended, the statement should explain how the existing regulation will be changed. The statement should set forth the specific reasons the agency has determined that the proposed regulatory action would be essential to protect the health, safety or welfare of citizens. In addition, a statement delineating any potential issues that may need to be addressed as the regulation is developed shall be supplied.

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These changes make the existing regulation consistent with SAE Standards J575 and J974, provide the proper referenced sections of SAE Standards J575 and J974, correct spelling or other non-substantive errors, or simply clarify the existing regulation.

This regulation is essential to ensure the safety of the motoring public and reduce the risk of death or injury to citizens using our highways. Only those safety lights required by § 46.2-1102 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>, and which meet or exceed the standards set forth in Virginia regulation 19 VAC 30-160 are approved for sale and/or use.

Alternatives

Please describe, to the extent known, the specific alternatives to the proposal that have been considered or will be considered to meet the essential purpose of the action.

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Amendment of the existing regulation is the only alternative that meets the essential purpose of the action.

Family Impact Statement

Please provide a preliminary analysis of the potential impact of the proposed regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

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This proposed regulation will have no potential impact on the institution of the family and family stability.